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## SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS EFFORT.

The chance to aid in the carrying of cheer into the homes of many on Christmas is still open. There isn't much satisfaction a day or two after to think upon learning what has been done, when a fine opportunity there is presented for helping many who had small promise of being able to participate in a merry Christmas. The time to reflect and to act is now before Christmas arrives and while preparations are being made to provide a Christmas dinner for needy families which need the assistance of others.

It is true that many who would be glad to aid in this cause do not know of the many households where provision cannot be made for a Christmas dinner. While it is anything out of the ordinary can be provided for a variety of reasons, but there are those who do and it is through placing the funds at the disposal of such people that the real spirit of Christmas can be carried out. The Salvation Army is willing and anxious to render this service. All that is needed is an equal willingness and eagerness on the part of others to furnish the means. This organization which has rendered such praiseworthy service on other occasions delights in rendering just such service. Its battles about the city should not be passed by unnoticed. There is much that can be done through the financial contributions of the many and there can be good assurance that the grand total will be put to good and timely use.

The opportunity of having the Salvation Army serve as your Santa Claus to the deserving people of Norwich ought not to be overlooked. There can be no greater joy than the giving where it is needed.

## THE PRESIDENT'S INTERPRETATION.

It is not surprising that there was a bit of a flurry in administration circles when it was disclosed from the personal opinion given by President Harding concerning the four power agreement that he was not in accord with the American interpretation. It didn't take long to ascertain the matter out, however, and it seemed two things.

In the first place it must be realized that President Harding did not undertake to give an expression for the delegation. He did not attempt to say what the construction was that had been given upon in the conference. At the time he did not know that. What he did was to tell what in his own opinion was without having talked with the delegation. The agreement in regard to the boundary of Japan. Road the article which speaks of the "insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the Pacific ocean" and it is the natural interpretation that it should not be considered to include the home islands of Japan any more than the United States, but island possessions and dominions thereof. However, the construction of that clause had been the subject of discussion and under the agreement Japan's boundary is to be included in that that the agreement may apply to Hawaii, territory of the United States, having a status different than possession or dominion. Thus it becomes evident that the view expressed by the president was only that of the conference into the construction referred to was agreed to.

In the second place it is plainly evident that the president has no intention in the declaration that he has not drawn a line which they must toe and that he has not insisted in sitting in as every discussion, and moreover when it is disclosed that the point has been carefully covered he does not insist upon the forced adoption of his interpretation, an interpretation which would directly prevail but which for sufficient reasons was departed from in agreement.

## RESTS WITH US.

Shower or later there comes opposition to the many regulations that were instituted during the war because of conditions that prevailed then, and it is only a question of time before most of them disappear. Just now there is a protest being made against the continuation of the charge of \$10 for the endorsement of passports by American consuls because it places a tax upon the American who is traveling in other countries all out of proportion to the service and makes his expenses much greater than subjects of other countries. The injustice of this is felt particularly by business representatives who are going from country to country in European search of trade for their country.

To a large degree this expense comes as a matter of retaliation. It was a charge that was imposed upon every visitor to the United States during the war. Consequently every other country whose subjects were obliged to pay that tax quickly imposed a similar tax upon Americans when they went traveling. Though it was a war measure it has continued to be collected and at the same figure. This means that every time a reader goes from one country to another he is taxed the \$10, an expense which

is not imposed upon similar agents from other countries because, in the case of their country only nominal fees are charged. Thus because we continue to collect a big fee, the same practice is carried out against Americans to the disadvantage of business seekers. This places the American at a disadvantage. He is discriminated against because of his requirements and of course the trade has to bear the burden in trying to compete with that of other countries.

It is to be inferred that if this country changed its policy and made only a slight charge that the other countries would do by the Americans as they do by the subjects of other countries, and in order to remove the heavy charges for the Americans it is only natural to expect that the first move should come from this direction. Being based upon our action relief will depend upon what is done here.

## THE TRANSPORTATION TAX.

Along with the relief from other taxation that will go into effect at the opening of the new year will come the end of the transportation tax. In the gathering of federal revenues there was conceived the idea of putting a tax upon those who traveled and the result has been that those who have gone any distance at all upon the railroads have been obliged to pay a tax to the government. This has been paid to the railroads and by them turned over to the government, and it may have been, along with the other increases that have been made, that this was all part of the price of a ticket.

Such, however, was not the case and the eight cents on the dollars that were collected of travelers by the roads were handed over to the government for federal expenses. Thus with the ending of that tax, and it will mean many millions to those who ride, the railroads will not be the losers. They will continue to get as much as they have been getting but they will nevertheless be getting less from the public. It is in the federal revenue where a decrease will be shown. Where it has been necessary to pay the railroad and Uncle Sam for taking a trip on the railroad during the past three years it will be only necessary to meet railroad requirements after the first of the year. What benefit will accrue to the people is indicated by the estimate at the time the tax reduction was made that the federal revenue would be cut by \$270,000,000, by the elimination of the transportation tax.

That of course means much to some and little or nothing to others. If levied on each individual it would mean something less than three dollars apiece to each person in the country.

The removal of the tax, however, doesn't mean any relief to the railroads except such as will come through the ending of the work of collection and accounting for it. That will mean considerable to the employees, but it is one way in which there is going to be felt the effects of the tax revision and the gradual elimination of war burdens. No one will be sorry to see it go.

## SUBMARINES.

In view of the progress that has been made thus far interest cannot fail to center in the efforts that are being made to reach an agreement concerning the submarine in the armament conference. France has yielded to the opposition against a big increase in capital ships for that country, and inasmuch as France will not indulge in the proposal plan which would give it a navy as large if not larger than Japan, Italy will not press for the privilege of building up a big navy.

But France is unquestionably more interested in the submarine than in any of the ten capital ships. It believes that it should have them for its defense, and it is likely to insist upon a large tonnage when it is intimated that it hasn't any too much faith in the Anglo-French alliance. But on the matter of submarines this country takes much the same view as does France in regard to their value for defense purposes, and Japan is satisfied with the proposal put forth by the United States in the Hughes plan.

Great Britain is anxious for a reduction in the submarine tonnage. It would even be happier if the underwater boats were entirely eliminated, and in that view it gets much sympathy from those who believe such an instrument of war ought to be abolished in view of the acts committed in the recent war. Possession of the submarine, and the bonds between France, and England the former would be inclined to be less insistent in behalf of submarines, and for that reason not a slight bearing may be had upon the matter of submarines at the conference by the meeting of the premiers now underway at London.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Every cold wave stimulates a demand for skates and ice-cutting tools.

Cold weather gets the ice men to thinking as well as the youngsters with their skates.

Fortunate is the fellow who is so color blind that he cannot tell when he has the blues.

About the time the Christmas bills are settled it will be time to start in worrying over the federal tax problems.

The idea of being asked to mediate between Peru and Chile gives one the impression that it would be a hopeless undertaking.

Cold weather is of course expected but the weather man might have had a heart and delivered it gradually instead of in a surprise package.

Now that the living cost has decreased one per cent. in November and 27 per cent. in the year are you investing it in government securities?

Even though Cuba has declared peace with Hungary, it will be a long time before the sugar users who had to pay 10 cents a pound will forgive it.

## THEIR HIDDEN AMBITION

"I'm collecting people's secret and heartfelt wishes," said the pretty girl who had a long, hard evening ahead of her entertaining her guests at her brilliant caller. "What's yours?" I got a lovely one yesterday—a man confessed that all his life he had longed to try mousings on porthouse steak, but had never dared to. Whenever he had steak it was always a dressed-up dinner with somebody there, and it is so hard to explain some things, in unsympathetic souls. I don't think anything you want to do, or think, or say, that you never have had a chance to accomplish."

"I should say there is," declared the young man, seeing his chance and grabbing it. "I've never had a good opportunity to say a lot of things to you that I'd like to. You always manage to stop me. My special ambition, which never seems near fulfillment is to marry—"

"You can't imagine how interesting it is," broke in the pretty girl, gracefully and with perfect ease. "My aunt says that my uncle is a permanently sad, dogged man, because he has always wanted to marry a girl at every meal, but they have never in the family, so it hasn't been possible. That would be twenty-one napkins a day, or 147 a week, and unless you own a laundry it can't be done."

"Maybe my brother Jonas has outgrown it," said her caller. "But when we were small boys he was wild to take a bite out of the edge of his wife's glass just to see how it felt to do so. It seemed to him that it would be like biting too, only more exciting. Behind the nurse's back he argued the question, but Jonas never quite dared, in spite of his little brother's wish. He was afraid to do so, of course, and he never dared bite one of those. Still, he may have bought one at a 10-cent store for special use—you've no idea how happy Jonas was. It makes a fellow realize what he is missing and if only you—"

"Robbed White says," interrupted the pretty girl neatly, "that his entire existence has been saddened by the yearning to shoot a bear. He has never seen any nearer the mountains than the sand-

ward squad. A lieutenant had just insured a rifle and handed it back to the rookie in a most snappy manner. He was trying to be as snappy as the best of them at the inspection, so he made a quick grab for his rifle.

It swayed and he almost committed the unpardonable sin of dropping it. The lieutenant roared like a veteran of many campaigns.

"Do you know where's the balance of that gun?"

"No, sir, that's all they gave me, sir," stammered the rookie.

Sometimes as Bad As That.

Mary had been around the house as usual but she was suffering from a cold and had a bit of a headache. She was sitting in her room when she heard a knock and when she opened the door she found a man who had been around the house as usual but she was suffering from a cold and had a bit of a headache.

In the case of persons whose memory for pieces is poor you will find that they will not remember names, dates or facts, but they will remember the general impression of the thing. This is a common fault of the human mind.

On the other hand, when you find this section of the torchhead well developed, you have one of those people who can virtually find his way about in the dark, and who always has or readily acquires that peculiar ability of the woodsman to know exactly where he is. The most instinctive question to such people as this is "Where?" Dr. Gull has observed that "Lump is usually well developed in good hunters and in the most important thing in the game of chess is to maneuver your pieces into certain places, and that the process is usually long enough to tax the faculty of position memory pretty well.

Tomorrow—Expanding Letters

## GLEANED FROM FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Accepting the agreements as in fact accomplished, it will be evident that the Washington conference is succeeding, as Dr. Harding said yesterday, "beyond our fondest hopes." We shall expect the matter to be carried over to the publisher with the official hallmarks. For the moment it seems sufficient to say that a week which has witnessed the signing of the Irish settlement and the adoption of these comprehensive guarantees against war and armaments in the Pacific, will deserve to go down as one of the most fortunate and the most memorable in the history of civilized nations.

"Curing War Nerves"—"War nerves," the terrible scourge which follows upon modern battle conditions, are in slow but sure process of elimination. Should the great wave of war neurosis be reduced to the normal, as medical experts believe, the social consequences will be profound. "Four-fifths of the men discharged from government hospitals for neurosis are either cured, or at least relieved, said a high medical officer of the military department. "To show how widespread this nervous trouble has been," he went on, "it should be remembered that 72,000 officers and men have been pensioned for neurosis, and nervous diseases generally. This figure is only exceeded by the number of those suffering from heart disease. Most complaints and rheumatism.

Battlefield Farming—Not even the soldiers themselves realized the extent to which market gardening was carried on under British military auspices, to supply the army, just behind the old front line in France. According to the Journal of the Ministry of Agriculture, in March 1918, there were 7,496 acres of vegetable gardens in the British army zone. Another 7,000 acres had been marked out for cultivation, but the great German offensive rather hindered the gardeners. The gardens were frequently shelled, and the "harvest home" was often far from home.

Seaweed Harvest—In the little island of Jersey the seaweed harvest has been at its height during the past few weeks. From the beach, which was the delight of the tourists, just a short time back, come carts, horses and men, for the cutting is about to begin. Far away, to the very edge of the receding tide, these seaweed gatherers go, and are so lost to view among the rocks. The cutting of

## Brooklyn Lady Suffers Breakdown After Husband's Death

Mrs. Anna O'Hara of 464 Evergreen Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., was in a serious condition until she began taking Vincarnis.

"During my husband's illness I had practically worn myself out through work and worry," said Mrs. O'Hara recently. "And so when he passed away I had almost reached a state of complete collapse. I could hardly eat anything for days afterwards. I would feel so weak and exhausted during the day that it was all I could do to get about, and yet when night came I could get no sleep. I was so nervous and was getting quite a little more nervous. And this had kept up for days and days.

"I happened one day to read about Vincarnis and decided to try it, and it certainly has done wonders for me. By the time I had taken about half of the bottle I began to improve wonderfully, and by the time I had taken the whole bottle my appetite had come back. I was much less nervous and was getting quite a little more sleep at night. I really cannot praise Vincarnis enough. I have taken only a few bottles and now I am entirely well. My insomnia is gone. I have a good appetite and my nerves are fine. I really feel like a new woman.

Vincarnis is put up in two sizes—\$1.10 and \$3.50. It is sold by National Drug Stores, Baker and Shubert's, and all other first class drug stores.

Write for free instructive booklet, "Cure for Cerebral Health: How to Obtain It," to Edward Lassar, Inc., Dept. D, 460 West 23d St., New York, U. S. agent for Vincarnis.

the weed is only allowed by authority, twice during the year, in the autumn and spring. It is spread on the land and ploughed in, and thousands of tons of seaweed are thus used in agriculture every year.—London Chronicle.

## EXPERIENCES OF CONNECTICUT NURSE IN NEAR EAST

Miss Sylvia Eddy of Avon has returned to her home in this country after two thrilling years in the near east, during the course of which she has experienced some stirring times those which came to many members of the American Expeditionary Force—an organization with which Miss Eddy was to be affiliated at just about the time the armistice put an end to her hopes. Under shell fire for hours at a time, nursing the sick and the wounded; doing almost various peace-time works of mercy. Miss Eddy had a splendid opportunity to observe and learn the actual conditions in the near east. Before she came to the near east she was a "pittiful" nurse. This Connecticut nurse was sent first to Alahab in Cilicia, where she was assigned to a hospital. This was just about the time that the Turks became belligerent against the French and the wounded; doing almost various peace-time works of mercy. Miss Eddy had a splendid opportunity to observe and learn the actual conditions in the near east. 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